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# COMMUNITY STABILIZATION ACTIVITY (CSA)

Helping address increased migration to Colombia from Venezuela.

## OVERVIEW

The Community Stabilization Activity (CSA) provides technical assistance to the Colombian Government to address increasing migration from Venezuela. The sudden influx of Venezuelan migrants to Colombia has placed pressure on public systems, like health and education, especially in regions near the border with Venezuela where institutional capacities are limited. Recognizing these challenges, CSA is helping receptor communities integrate migrant populations, and is working with the Colombian Government to develop and implement a comprehensive mass migration public policy. In 2021, the Colombian Government established a Temporary Protected Status (ETPV for its name in Spanish) that enables the legal regularization of 1.8 million Venezuelan migrants through the expedition of Temporary Protection Permits (PPT). PPTs provide registered migrants with access to public services, and it allows migrants to work legally in Colombia. CSA is being implemented in 15 departments and it runs from August 2018 to April 2023.

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## COMPONENTS

### DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE STRATEGY

CSA strengthens Colombian Government capacities to provide humanitarian assistance and to implement documentation processes for Venezuelan migrants in a timely manner. CSA also supports governmental efforts to develop and implement mass migration public policies and mechanisms, like the EPTV registry process, and is piloting one-stop shops for migrants to access public services.

### PROMOTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

CSA encourages community, public, and private sector actors to work together to identify social, economic, and cultural inclusion opportunities for migrants. CSA also developed communication campaigns against xenophobia, discrimination, and exploitation in receptor communities. This component concluded in 2021.

### IMPROVING MIGRANT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

CSA facilitates migrant and host communities' access to basic health services by organizing mobile health brigades, developing healthcare events, and working with public hospitals and clinics to improve care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CSA improved individuals' access to care through virtual medical consultations and direct assistance to homes when needed. This component concluded in 2021.

## RESULTS

- Engaged 632 public officials in workshops about xenophobia;
- Deployed 105 registration points, or *Puntos Visibles*, throughout the country;
- Assisted 400 entrepreneurship and business ideas, benefiting 3,684 individuals;
- Helped 14,923 individuals access healthcare through a health insurance strategy for migrants;
- Provided biometric equipment and 501 tablets to *Migración Colombia* for ETPV implementation;
- Trained 1,270 migrants in psychosocial support, entrepreneurship planning, and investment projects;
- Supported *Migración Colombia*'s hiring of 456 public officials to implement the EPTV registration process;
- Organized 1,191 workshops to promote health and illness prevention in communities impacted by migration;
- Engaged 329 Venezuelan migrants, Colombian returnees, and host community members in the job skills training;
- Worked with Colombian Attorney General's Office to design and implement the Local Migration Policy Monitoring Tool;
- Strengthened 575 community leaders' capacities to provide health care, prevent illnesses, and supervise community public health; and
- Trained 443 public officials, 376 Venezuelan migrants, and 279 businessmen on Colombian labor legislation and access to employment.